



# Child Exploitation (CE) Concerns

## Warning Signs

- Sudden changes in behaviour, mood or health
- Going missing
- Increased drug/alcohol use
- Multiple or secretive phones



CE can be sexual, criminal, online, or peer-on-peer. It may involve individuals, peer groups, gangs, or organised networks. **Early recognition and action keep children safe.**

## Reporting Concerns



### 1. Not open to Children's Services

- Complete Single Contact Form + Vulnerability Checklist - send to MACH.
- MACH screens and involves Complex Safeguarding Team.

### 2. Open to Children's Services

- Social Worker refers via CE Vulnerability Checklist Form.
- Complex Safeguarding Team decides on CE meeting or consultation.

### 3. Child Looked After (placed by another LA)

- Notify Police via Philomena Protocol.
- Risks shared at MACE.

## Review Meetings (by Complex Safeguarding Team)

**Low concern** – every 12 weeks

**Medium** – every 8 weeks

**High** – every 4 weeks



## MACE (Multi-Agency Child Exploitation)

Monthly meetings with police, social care, health, education & other partners to:

- Identify trends, hotspots & perpetrators
- Share information across agencies
- Agree prevention, disruption & safeguarding actions

